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Office of the President

The Honorable Tom Coburn, M.D.
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

By FAX: (202) 228-3796

Dear Senator Coburn:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2006 regarding Stevens Institute of Technology's federal agenda.

Founded in 1870, Stevens has educated engineers, scientists and technology managers who have made many contributions to our nation in industry, academe and government agencies. Stevens is a proud leader in the higher education system of the State of New Jersey and a globally recognized research university with world-class faculty and facilities. Our long tradition of innovation and enterprise development has resulted in discoveries and business achievements that have greatly impacted the City of Hoboken, the State of New Jersey, our region and the entire nation.

At a time when our country faces increasing threats from global terrorism, Stevens is working with the Department of Defense to help meet the pressing needs of our military servicemen and servicewomen in the field. Stevens is also working to help protect U.S. citizens from terrorist activities. As an example, Stevens research in advanced manufacturing contributed to the design of a shield for the lead gunner in the Stryker vehicle, thereby saving lives of our troops in Iraq. In addition, Stevens is developing pioneering technologies for port security, wireless communications security, cybersecurity, and steganography. With escalating health care costs being a topic of national concern, Stevens students are pioneering new approaches to lower the cost of health care in areas such as pain management, which is of importance to millions of Americans and their employers.

Stevens has a keen understanding of the importance of seeking financial support for its research and educational mission from a number of sources, including private, state and federal funds. However, as a prominent institution in this State, we are also acutely aware that New Jersey consistently ranks 49th out of 50 states in terms of its return on federal tax dollars sent to Washington, DC.

Thank you again for your letter. We agree that Members of Congress and constituents must exercise great care in selecting projects that are deserving of federal investments. Stevens is proud of its research programs to help bolster the security of our nation and to help revitalize U.S. economic competitiveness through technological innovation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold J. Raveché".

Harold J. Raveché
President